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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Bhubaneswar dated the 4th June 2015.

Sub- Constitution of a Joint Committee with members from different Departments of Government and representatives from Odisha Byabasayee Mahasangha to inquire into the closing down of Flour Mills and Dal Mills.

The Odisha Byabasayee Mahasangha had been expressing their concern over disparity in rate of VAT on dal, pulses, wheat and wheat products in the neighboring states thereby leading to substantial trade diversion. During the month of April, 2015 they launched an agitation in the matter and stopped import of dal, pulses, wheat and wheat products in to the State causing shortage of essential goods in the market. The State Government invited the representatives of Odisha Byabasayee Mahasangha for discussion on their problem. In the meeting held on 13.04.2015, the State Government appealed the representatives of Odisha Byabasayee Mahasangha to withdraw their agitation i.e. “stoppage of import of pulses, wheat and wheat products into the state” in order to make available adequate supply of the essential goods in the market and assured the representatives of Byabasayee Mahasangha to constitute a joint committee under the chairmanship of Special Secretary to Government, Finance Department with members from F.S. & C.W. Deptt., MSME Deptt., Labour & ESI Deptt., Commercial Tax Organization and four representatives from Odisha Byabasayee Mahasangha to inquire into the closing down of Flour Mills and Dal Mills.

2. Now therefore, the State Government do hereby constitute a Joint Committee under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary to Government, Finance Department with the following members to examine various problems affecting functioning of Flour Mills and Dal Mills in the State including purchase, sale and VAT paid on dal, pulses, wheat and its product.

i) Sri Biraj Kumar Das,
   Special Secretary to Government, Finance Department
   Chairman

ii) Sri Ratnakar Rout,
    Director Consumer Affairs-cum-Additional Secretary,
    FS & CW Department
    Member

iii) Sri Sahadev Sahoo,
     Joint Commissioner of Commercial Tax (VAT), O/o CCT(O), Cutback
     Member
iv) Sri S. Sarangi,  
Joint Director, O/o. Director of Industries, Odisha, Cuttack  
Member

v) Sri Bhaskar Panda,  
Deputy Labour Commissioner, Office of Labour Commissioner, Member  
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

vi) Sri Sudhakar Panda,  
General Secretary, Odisha Byabasayee Mahasangha  
Member

vii) Sri Srikant Sahoo,  
Vice President, Cuttack Zone,  
Member

viii) Sri Sakti Sankar Mishra,  
Legal Advisor, Odisha Byabasayee Mahasangha  
Member

ix) Sri Biswanath Joshi,  
Jatni Chamber of Commerce & Industries  
Member

x) Sri N.K. Rautray,  
Joint Secretary to Govt., Finance department  
Member

Convener

3. The Joint Committee will examine various problems affecting functioning of Flour Mills and Dal Mills in the State including purchase, sale and VAT paid on dal, pulses, wheat and its product with reference to following terms of reference:

**Relating to Wheat and Wheat products:**


iii. Name of flour mill/wholesale/big retail dealers importing wheat and wheat products from outside the State during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 with quantity and amount.

iv. Name of flour mills functioning in Odisha during the year 2005 and their present status. The reason of non-functioning of flour mills in our State.

v. The numbers of workers/labourers were working in the flour mills previously and present position.

vii. The numbers of mills have been exempted from VAT and amount of VAT have been exempted during the financial year 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

viii. The name of flour mills/dealers who are effecting inter-State sale/consignment sale of Wheat & Wheat products to other States with quantity and amount during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

**Relating to Dal & Pulses:**


iii. Name of dal mill/wholesale/big retail dealers importing dal and pulses from outside the State during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 with quantity and amount.

iv. Number of Dal mills operating in Odisha during the year 2005 and their present status. The reason of non-functioning of and Dal mills in our State.

v. The number of workers/labourers working in the Dal mills previously and present position.


vii. The numbers of dal mills have been exempted from VAT and amount of VAT exempted during the year 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

viii. The name of dal mills/dealers who are effecting inter-State sale/consignment sale of dal and pulses to other States with quantity and amount during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

4. The Joint Committee will submit its report to Government within a period of three months from the date of its constitution.

Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Memo No. 16277 /F., Date 4/6/2015
Copy forwarded to all members of the Joint Committee for information and necessary action.
Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16278 /F., Date 4/6/2015
Copy forwarded to FS & CW Department /CCT (O), Cuttack / MSME Department / Labour and ESI Department for information and necessary action.
Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16279 /F., Date 4/6/2015
Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to Minister, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare, Employment and Technical Education and Training for kind information of Hon’ble Minister.
Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16280 /F., Date 4/6/2015
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Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16281 /F., Date 4/6/2015
Copy forwarded to the P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary / P.S. to Special Secretary to Govt. (BKD), Finance Department for kind information of Additional Chief Secretary and Special Secretary.
Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16282 /F., Date 4/6/2015
Copy forwarded to Head State Portal Group, IT Centre, and Secretariat for hoisting the Notification in the Odisha Government website immediately.
Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16283 /F., Date 4/6/2015
Copy forwarded to the Gazette Cell of Commerce & Transport Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar with a request to publish this notification in Odisha Gazette immediately and supply 10 copies to this Department.
Deputy Secretary to Government.